

LOST A BIG FORTUNE BY WILD GAMBLING

Augustus Hornsby Loses Half a Million in Three Short Days.

INDIANA'S GERRYMANDER ACT IS KILLED

The Supreme Court Knocks It Out on Constitutional Grounds.

TORE OFF HIS HEAD

Mexican Revolutionists Surrounded by Troops.

TWELVE FIREMEN KILLED

Terrible Wreck on a Southern Railroad Causes the Death of Many Persons. Some Startling Sensations.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 17.—"Lost \$500,000 at the gaming table." That is the thrilling climax to the life of Augustus H. Hornsby, once an officer of the British army and for the past eight years a dealer in real estate in St. Paul. He is now \$300,000 in debt and a fugitive from justice. St. Paul officers are looking for him with the view of arresting him for uttering forged paper. He is wanted for many crooked transactions, but the specific case in which his arrest is sought is the selling of valuable real estate belonging to Mrs. Antonia Wortman, a widow, issuing forged deeds and securing the money on them without asking Mrs. Wortman's consent to the sale.

Hornsby came to St. Paul during the big real estate boom and through lucky investments made over \$300,000. He then took to gambling and picked up \$300,000 in St. Paul and Minneapolis. Then he took \$400,000 in cash and went to Chicago. In three days he had lost every penny of it. This was the turning point of his career and he gradually lost everything he had. His wife even had to go to work for the Northern Pacific railroad company to keep the wolf from the door. After committing the forgery Hornsby ran away. The last seen of him was in Duluth. He has doubtless gone to Canada, intending to go thence to Australia or Hawaii.

IS ITS DEATH BLOW.
Supreme Court Decision Kills Indiana Gerrymandering.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 17.—The gerrymandering is overthrown. The decision of the supreme court in the case was handed down at 2 o'clock this afternoon. It was written by Judge Coffey, Judges McBride and Miller concurring, while Judges Elliott and Oda filed separate opinions, concurring for the most part, but differing in details. The decision declares the court has jurisdiction, pronounces the acts of 1872 and 1879 unconstitutional, and holds the newly elected legislature to be an official body defunct and void law makers. The decision of the lower court, which declared the acts of 1872 and 1879 unconstitutional, is reversed.

The effect of the decision is that the majority of the court decide that the constitution has authority to adjudge an appointment void if it violates the provisions of the constitution. The point made by the counsel for the election of officers and the state that the courts have no jurisdiction of the question is disposed of by this conclusion.

The decision as held by a majority of the court is to the effect that the constitution has a right to decide as to the constitutionality of the acts of 1872 and 1879, but that the question of the validity of the act of 1880 does not appear in the case.

The decision of the court is that the acts of 1872 and 1879 are unconstitutional. But it is held that the members of the general assembly elected at the recent election under the act of 1872, are officers and their acts as far as concerns the public, are valid. The judgment of the lower court is reversed for the reason that the act of 1872 being unconstitutional, Powell, the relator had no right in a writ of mandamus to compel its enforcement. Judge Elliott concurs in the holding that the court has power, at the end of a party entitled to a decision upon such a question, to give judgment upon the constitutionality of an appointment made, but he holds that the relator, Powell, has no right to ask for a decision upon the validity of the acts of 1872 and 1879, because he makes no claim for the reason that his complaint is founded upon a law which he himself shows to be utterly void.

It is further held by Judge Elliott to be a well settled principle of law that constitutional questions cannot be decided unless such decision is absolutely necessary to a final disposition of the case actually before the court, and his opinion shows that this case is finally disposed of before the question of constitutionality of the acts of 1872 and 1879 is reached.

The effect of the decision of the majority of the court is to leave the state without any law, under the provisions of which an election of members of the legislature could be held, for the decision makes no reference to any act under which an election may be conducted. But this effect of the opinion of the majority is modified, to a degree, by the holding that there is a de facto legislature and that it can enact laws and transact public business. The majority decision, after quoting Daniel Webster's opinion that where ex-

istence of the constitution is impossible, it should be followed as closely as possible, says:

The rule here announced is, we think, the true one. When it is found that exact equality cannot be attained, where the integrity of the counties is preserved, approximation becomes a rule as binding upon the general assembly, as any other rule fixed by the constitution.

AFTER BRIBE TAKEN.
France Determined to Reach the Bottom of the Panama Scandal.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—The determination of the government to clear away all the mystery surrounding the affairs of the Panama Canal company is undoubtedly founded on the belief that on this course alone lies safety for itself and for the country. Any display of hesitancy now would result in ruin, and as their official lives depend on probing the affair to the bottom there can be no doubt that in time the whole mass of corruption will be cleared away. Today, acting under orders from the government, the police searched the house of M. Larr, a Boulangist member of the chamber of deputies and seized a number of documents pertaining to the Panama affair. The ministry will ask the chamber of deputies to authorize the arrest of any of its members found to have been implicated in the scandal. La Libre Parole, M. Drumont's paper which appears to be exceptionally well informed in Panama matters, states today that the amount of the bribe distributed by agents of the company reaches the enormous total of 20,000,000 francs. The Figaro says that the trial of the directors of the company before the correctional tribunal will proceed conjointly with their prosecution on charges of corruption before the Assize court.

The Belair says that among the papers seized belonging to Charles de Lesseps were found minutes signed by three directors giving full revelations of the affairs of the company. The minutes, it adds, cover the transactions for several years. The republican journals are unanimous in their approval of the course of the government in causing the arrest of Charles de Lesseps, Fontaine and Sanle Roy. They held that there must be no turning back in the prosecutions.

VIENNA, Dec. 17.—M. Cortez, who is wanted by the Paris police to answer for his part in the Panama Canal frauds, came to this city about a week ago and at the Hotel Imperiale. The police have informed the Vienna police that he should be detained. The department here, however, refuses to arrest him.

Baron Henri Cottu, the director of the Panama Canal company, against whom an order of arrest has been issued, declares emphatically that the stories that he fled from Paris to escape criminal prosecution are without foundation. As soon as he heard that an order for his arrest had been issued he made preparations to return to Paris, and he says he will go back at once to face his prosecutors.

SEVERAL MEN KILLED.
Bad Wreck Caused by a New Time Schedule Being Forgotten.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 17.—Private advice here state that a collision occurred on the Southern railway near McKinney about twelve miles south of Junction City, between No. 1 passenger, southbound, and a northbound freight. No. 1 was running by the new schedule and by some mistake the freight was running on the old time. Charles Pagan, baggage master, and United States Express Messenger Kinney were killed. Several passengers were injured.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 18, 1:15 a. m.—The railway mail service here has news that one of the railway clerks has been killed in the wreck and others seriously injured. The railway mail agents on the train were J. E. Edgington, W. N. Hinkle and M. C. Combs, which of the clerks were killed is unknown.

BLEW OFF HIS HEAD.
Horrible Act of a Crazy Wife at Bridgeport, N. J.

BRIDGEPORT, N. J., Dec. 17.—George Bers, a Bremen on the New Jersey Southern railroad, was shot and instantly killed by his wife while he was sleeping in bed at an early hour this morning at Bridgeport, N. J. For the last three months Mrs. Bers has acted strangely. Early this morning she stealthily crept down stairs, and procuring a gun, traced her steps and emptied one of the barrels into her husband's head, killing him instantly. A large portion of his head and one ear was blown off and his brains were scattered over the floor and bed, while the pillows and bed clothing were saturated with blood. The murdered man's father was awakened by the report of the gun and went down stairs to investigate. There he found his daughter-in-law, who grasped his arm and screamed, "Papa, get me a razor. I want to cut my throat."

MORE IRON HALL.
This Time the Cashier's Bond Has Been Hypothecated.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 17.—Iron Hall circles are considerably exercised over what appears to be a mysterious disappearance of the bond of Supreme Cashier Davis, which was executed some months before the suit for the recovery was filed. Local capitalists became his security and Davis deposited \$50,000 to identify them against

loss. The money proved to be from Hall funds and for this reason was unsatisfactory. Some of the gentlemen were in favor of accepting the money and this led to a disagreement but those who favored it finally went on the bond. When the receiver went to look up the matter he was surprised to find that the bond referred to had disappeared and another substituted for it. The latter was found to be worthless. When these conditions confronted the receiver he began to attack all the personal property belonging to Davis and every dollar that the latter was worth is now tied up.

DAVIDSON HELD FOR TRIAL.
First of the Homestead Poisoners Tells of the Plot.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 17.—The hearing in the case of Robert Beatty, charged with having been a party to a plot to poison non-union men employed in the Carnegie steel works at Homestead, was held at the office of Alderman McMaster this afternoon.

"It will hold the defendant for trial," was the decision of the alderman after hearing the evidence of half a dozen or more witnesses.

The little office was thronged at 2:30 p. m., when the alderman directed the case to proceed. Attorney Brennan appeared for the defense, and Attorney Beck for the prosecution. Patrick

with beard and mustache, sat in the body of the church and calmly slept. All night long he slept there and this morning he sat there still. The tabernacle pays for it at the rate of \$6 for each twenty-four hours.

JOE MULNATON AGAIN.
A Wild Trades Unionist Story That Hails From Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 17.—A movement is on foot in this city which will cause quite a stir among the wage earners and business men of the country when the details are made public. The scheme is being discussed quietly and data is being gathered by a few leading trades unionists and some trusted members of organized labor have been invited to the conference. The promoters do not meet with much encouragement at first, but the idea has steadily gained ground and now hundreds of workmen are among its supporters eager for a chance to give it a trial.

The movement is designed to prevent a repetition of the disasters which followed closely upon the lock-out at Homestead, the Buffalo railroad strike, the miners' strike in Tennessee and Idaho. It is proposed that when a strike becomes necessary or a lock-out is precipitated by a corporation against unionists that a general order shall be promulgated calling on every union man in the country to withhold from circulation all funds that he may possess so as to cause a stringency in the money market and compel the business men of the United States to bring such a pressure to bear upon the corporation having a strike on its hands, that it will be forced to

yield to the demands of its employees or show a disposition to settle the differences between them.

SUES FOR \$500,000.
Richmond Terminal Receiver Charges Georgia Syndicate With Fraud.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Receiver Walter G. Oakman of the Richmond Terminal company this morning filed copies of a bill of complaint upon the members of the Georgia company syndicate, which in 1888 sold a controlling interest in the Georgia Central railway to the Terminal company. The receiver charges that the syndicate conspired to sell the Terminal company their unseizable and discredited securities at such prices as yielded an enormous profit, and imposed upon the Terminal company a heavy loss. The receiver charges that the deal was contrived to put money into the pockets of faithless directors and their confederates. The complaint covers 275 printed pages and contains accusations of fraud, conspiracy and breach of trust are brought against President John H. Inman and Directors Calhoun, Swann and Worman and the members of the Georgia syndicate company. Receiver Oakman's suit involves a recovery of an amount estimated at \$500,000. The summons requests that the defendants deliver to the plaintiff's attorney within twenty days their answers to the suit, which will be brought in the supreme court in the January term.

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RENDER INTO CARE.
Talmage's Tabernacle Trustees Forget the Biblical Instruction.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Missions of the law have swooped down after the manner of the Philistines of old upon the Rev. T. D. Talmage's Brooklyn tabernacle and now hold away there. An execution was served ordering the sheriff to seize the property and satisfy a judgment of \$1,104.85 obtained against the church by Alfred R. Tong, a painter. The church trustees protested, but finally submitted to the inevitable and allowed the deputy to place one of his keepers in charge of the tabernacle. Thus it was that during the lecture on the Little Hindoo-ness last night a rough-looking man,

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FROM O'ER THE SEA

Nuptials of Princess Marie and Prince Ferdinand.**VICTORIA TO STAY AT HOME**
German Statesmen Excited Over the Prospect of Having Ahlwardt Appear in the Reichstag.

LOXBOON, Dec. 17.—Although the princess Marie of Edinburgh will not be married for three weeks yet to the crown prince of Roumania the gathering of royal families has already begun. The crown prince, after a flying visit to London, left this week for Coburg, where the princess Marie, who went before, is now inspecting her frocks and making other final preparations, under her mother's supervision, for the nuptials.

King Charles of Roumania will reach Sigmaringen on Tuesday, and thence will proceed to the Coburg castle to see his future niece and her family. Whether the queen, Carmen Sylvia, will be able to take part in the festivities or not is uncertain. A dispatch on Monday announced that her nervousness and weakness were increasing and that she walked only with the greatest difficulty.

As January 10, the day fixed for the marriage, is the anniversary of the

death of the Duke of Clarence, the Queen will not be present but will be represented by Sir Edward Malet, the British ambassador at Berlin, where the ceremony is to take place. The ceremony is to be performed by Prince Ghika, the Russian ambassador at Berlin.

VICTORIA WILL STAY AT HOME.
The failure of Queen Victoria to make her plans for a visit in Berlin has been a grievous disappointment to Emperor William, who had planned to make the wedding a question a spectacle to excite the entry of less favored countries. As matters look now, he and King Charles will be the only crowned heads present, as the czar will be represented by the Grand Duke Vladimir and Alexis, Emperor Franz Josef by an archduke, and King Humbert by the Duke of Genoa. After the marriage the bride will spend the first fortnight at one of the chateaux of the bridegroom's father and will then go to Roumania.

Great preparations are being made for the reception of Prince Ferdinand and Princess Marie. On their arrival at Bucharest divine services will be held, whither, accompanied by the king, the royal highnesses will proceed. They will occupy at first apartments in the royal palace in Bucharest. Later on they will return to the chateau Auroras, in the neighborhood of the capital, which is being prepared for their reception. A medal will be struck in commemoration of the wedding, bearing on one side the effigies of the Crown Prince and his bride and on the other the date of their marriage.

Antisemitic Vile Record.
German statesmen have been more excited since Thursday by the prospect of Ahlwardt's appearance in the Reichstag after Christmas. The immunity extended to him as deputy from his recent sentence to imprisonment, was a sad surprise to the government, and practically as it was accomplished by the votes of clerical deputies, Ahlwardt will enter the Reichstag with the worst reputation borne by any deputy since the retirement of Herr Most. He is a bankrupt of the worst kind. As head of a city school, he not only abused all the money of the pupils, but also made a practice of pinching their parents. He has slandered Berlin magistrates and has blackened the reputation of every lawyer who has tried to save him from the consequences of his dishonesty. He has been in five or six prisons and not a respectable house in Berlin is open to him. The antisemitic conservatives who have covertly encouraged his new badge, are feeling rather alarmed at the prospect of having a personal war against suddenly elevated to a seat among them.

Berlin dailies are already discussing the probabilities that Carl Schurz will be the next minister to Germany.

Seized Dixie's Clothes.
CINCINNATI, Dec. 17.—"Adonis" Dixey's wardrobe at Pike's opera house here has not been a pleasant one. Daniel Hartz, a hotel keeper of Baltimore secured an attachment for a \$64.70 board bill. The constables were refused admission to the stage Thursday night and on threatening to climb over the footlights, were taken into the regular way. Dixey happened to leave his dressing room a moment and the constables seized upon his wardrobe, not a particle of it escaping their clutches. It was 9:30 o'clock before a redelivery bond could be executed and the curtain allowed to go up.**Beat Tom-Toms.**
DURANGO, Col. Dec. 17.—From a Navajo sub-chief, who came in from the reservation today, it was learned that in six days there would be a gathering of the tribes at Round Creek, near Cheef store, for the purpose of holding a grand pow-wow. Black Hawk and other chiefs will be present, and the talk will be on the methods adopted by the present agent to compel them to send their children to school. The result of the pow-wow is a matter of some interest, as the undersent men of the tribes can be restrained there will be trouble.**Twelve Firemen Bored.**
BROOKLYN, Dec. 17.—Shortly after 9 o'clock this morning a fire was discovered in the large cotton storage warehouse of David S. Arnold, on the river front, between Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth streets, South Brooklyn. At 10 o'clock, while the fire was still burning fiercely, one of the walls fell, burying it is said, twelve firemen, many of whom, it is thought, being killed. The loss will be heavy.**Killed in a Wreck.**
CINCINNATI, Dec. 17.—A telegram from Danville, Ky., states that there was a wreck on the Cincinnati, New Orleans & Texas Pacific (Cincinnati Southern) railway tonight, four miles from this place, and that several persons were killed. No particulars are given. The railroad officials say there was a wreck, but no lives were lost. They refuse to give any further information.**Stabbed an Italian.**
CINCINNATI, Dec. 17.—A desperate fight has just been reported from Geneva, near here, between an American named Farmer and Steven Farro, an Italian. Farmer used a knife, with which he stabbed Farro in the back of the neck and head. He was shot shortly before Farro died. The Italian colour here is greatly increased and the men swear vengeance.**Pa. Corrigan Wins.**
HOBOKEN, N. J., Dec. 17.—The controversy between Bishop Wigger of Newark and Fr. Corrigan of Hoboken, N. J., was rather abruptly terminated tonight. Bishop Wigger surrenders unconditionally. The trial is therefore stopped and the charge withdrawn.**He Dropped Dead.**
DUMFRIES, Dec. 17.—Hiram Sutcliffe, the Dumfries miller, dropped dead at his residence in Dumfries.

END OF THE AGONY

Contesting Congressional Candidates Get Certificates.**DEMOCRATS CARRY THE FIFTH**
The State Board of Canvassers Still Have an Abundance of Work Before Them.

LANSING, Dec. 17.—The state board of canvassers have finished the canvass of the vote for congress in all the districts, and have issued the certificates to the successful candidates. George F. Richardson gets the certificate in the fifth. The vote there is tabulated as follows: Belknap, 20,086; Richardson, 20,085; Glute, 1,800; not counted, 921. From no other district were any votes returned under the heading "not counted."

The board will now proceed to canvass the vote cast for presidential electors and state officers. Where there are supposed errors in the returns affecting the result, a certificate will be required from county clerks showing wherein the returns are in error. So many returns give the name of the lieutenant governor-elect as J. Wright instead of J. W. Wright findings that his opponent might be found to be entitled to the certificate were these returns not figured for the Cadillac candidate. It is of course a mere clerical error on the part of the returning officers, and statements will be required from the county clerks so certifying. It is not probable that the vote on land commissioner and supreme justice will be reached tonight.

DRUMMER IN A SNAPE.
Romeo Man Charged With Bigamy and Embarrassment Arrested.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 17.—A. M. Armstrong of Romeo, Mich., was arrested in St. Louis on complaint of his wife, who has three children and alleges desertion. It is said that he also married Kate Molloy in Port Austin, Mich., two years ago, without the formality of a divorce from his first wife, wedded eighteen years ago. He is a traveling man, and wife No. 1 caught him with wife No. 2 in the St. Louis postoffice.

LONTA, Dec. 17.—Sheriff Walker left this morning for St. Louis, Mo., after one Armstrong who has been traveling in the upper peninsula for the Hammond cigar company, which he is a defaulter in the amount of \$200. Armstrong deserted his wife and left with another woman.

Long-Haired Damage Suit.
ADRIAN, Dec. 17.—"Prof." E. W. Lane, a medicine man with hair enough to stuff a mattress, has a suit for damages in the most talked of character in town at present. His Indian name is "Rattle Snake Oil Jack." To a local paper he claims he is going to sue Charles Blunt, a Hudson riverman, for \$5,000 for recent alleged false imprisonment in the county jail on a charge of horse-stealing. He also says he will give Adrian a couple of wild west shows in the spring.**He Claims Valuable Land.**
FOUR HEMES, Dec. 17.—"Uncle" Samuel Edgemoor, father of Thomas A. Edgemoor, lays claim to eight acres of land on the lake shore, on which the Wandermere hotel and Gratiot beach is situated, and will fight for his claim in the courts. He claims that he bought the land on a contract from the late Lucian Howe about thirty years ago, when the property was almost worthless. Howe afterwards sold the land on a deed to C. A. Ward, the present owner.**Look for the "Soe."**
SAULT STE. MARIE, Dec. 17.—There is a movement on foot whereby this city may secure a large steel and iron ship-building plant. Several Cleveland capitalists, headed by F. M. Bishop, want to build such an industry, which will cost \$300,000, and give employment to 300 men. The city has made a proposition, which will surely be accepted. In connection with their plant they expect to erect machine shops and a large dry-dock.**Hanging in the Cellar.**
ROMEO, Dec. 17.—Wilson Cronk, an old and highly respected resident of Roy township, hanged himself yesterday afternoon. He went down cellar on an errand and, being gone a surprisingly long time, a member of the household descended and found him hanging from the ceiling. He was 70 years old and well-to-do, but had not been in the best of health for some time. He leaves a wife and two daughters, one of them being married.**Steamer on Fire.**
LUDINGTON, Dec. 17.—The rickety little steamer George D. Sanford, running between here and Pentwater, caught on fire in her stern, among a lot of furniture, out on the lake yesterday. She ran into this port with the flames streaming out many feet behind her. The captain, who was on the fire department, which arrived just as she touched. The fire was extinguished.**Bullet in His Brain.**
LODIA, Dec. 17.—James Lynch, a farmer's boy residing at Long Lake, in Orleans, while hunting rabbits, was accidentally shot yesterday afternoon and died at 1 o'clock this morning. The rabbit went into a hollow log and he stooped over to look into it with his hand on the tail going through his hand into his chest and lodging in his brain. His age was 19 years.**Another Male Friend.**
CASSEVILLE, Dec. 17.—Frank Wilson was arrested here last evening charged with an assault upon Hazel Strickland, an 8-year-old girl, near Vandall last Saturday. After committing the crime he gave the girl 16 cents not to tell, and left. Wilson denies having been there, but has been fully identified.**Quoted the Hatchet.**
ANN ARBOR, Dec. 17.—Trouble between students and officers of the Students' Lecture association has been settled according to a vote of the board holders. The present system of reserving seats without extra charge will be continued. This decision was the cause of the big riot two weeks ago.**He Dropped Dead.**
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